

REMARKS

Applicant notes that a new oath or declaration is required. A new declaration is submitted herewith.

The priority claim has been amended to update the status of several related applications.

Claim 1-7, 9-14 and 17-55 have been canceled.

Claims 8, 15 and 16 remain pending in the application.

Claims 15 and 16 are objected to because of informalities. Claims 15 and 16 have been amended to overcome this objection. In particular, "said conduit" in line 8 of each claim has been changed to "a conduit."

Claims 7 and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 12, 13, 15, 18 and 21-23 of U.S. 6,532,964. Claims 7 and 9-11 have been canceled.

Claims 8, 15 and 16 are rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 12, 13, 15, 18, 19 and 21-26 of U.S. 6,532,964. A terminal disclaimer based on the '964 Patent is submitted herewith.

Applicant believes the case is now in condition for allowance. Allowance of claims 8, 15 and 18 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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